



# Massachusetts Boating & Yacht Clubs Association, Inc.

**MBYCA  
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES  
October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
Metropolitan Yacht Club**

*The October general meeting of the Massachusetts Boating & Yacht Clubs Association, Inc. was held at Metropolitan Yacht Club, 39 Vinedale Road, Braintree, MA 02184.*

*Commodore Peter Gilson asked for a moment of silence for delegate Ahmet Buharali of Winthrop Yacht Club. He was not only a MBYCA delegate, but also Winthrop's Past Commodore and a member of the Commodore's Club of America. He was a dear, caring friend to so very many of our members.*

*Our Host, Commodore Christine Borchers welcomed us all and she introduced her Rear Commodore MaryAnn Reid and wished us a great meeting and an invitation to visit Metropolitan Yacht Club anytime.*

*A motion to accept the minutes of the September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018 general meeting at Fox Hill Yacht Club, as distributed, was made and seconded and passed.*

**ATTENDANCE OF OFFICERS:** *All Officers were present with the exception of P.C. William Scanlon and P.C. Russell Hoy, who were excused.*

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** *P.C. Cheryl Chisholm stated that hearing no nominations from either the floor or by mail, she cast one vote for the 2019 slate of officers. The 2019 officers are as follows:*

*Commodore: Paul Dubiel – Watertown Yacht Club  
Vice Commodore: Carolyn Bargoot – Watertown Yacht Club  
Rear Commodore: Jack Swanson – Squantum Yacht Club  
Secretary: P.C. Cheryl Chisholm – Circle Yacht Club  
Treasurer: P.C. Ted Chisholm – Mystic Wellington Yacht Club  
Ex-Officio/Director: P.C. Peter Gilson – South Boston Yacht Club  
Director: P.C. Peter Caten – Winter Hill Yacht Club  
Director: P.C. Russell Hoy- Nantasket Beach Salt Water Club  
Director: P.C. William Scanlon - Winthrop Yacht Club*

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*She also informed the delegates of the contents of their packets. This included the following:*

- Cape Air Wants to Land Seaplanes in the Harbor*
- National Boating Federation September 2018 Bulletin*
- Clearance Board of Bridges contact information (see under new business)*
- Minutes of the 09/21/18 general meeting*
- MBYCA 2019 Ballot*

**"BOATERS ARE VOTERS"**

**"THE VOICE OF OVER FIFTY THOUSAND BOATING FAMILIES"**

- *Gull's Nest Imports – All Weather Safety Whistle (MBYCA website Links of Interest)*

*A motion to accept the Secretary's report was made, seconded and passed.*

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** *P.C. Ted Chisholm stated a letter went out to various clubs regarding their dues for 2018. We have a balance as of today, of \$15,711.58.*

*A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made, seconded and passed.*

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**PORT OPERATOR'S GROUP:** *P.C. Peter Gilson stated the following:*

### **USCG/MASSPORT:**

- *The Coast Guard met with the Boston area Duck Tour operators and conducted a detailed safety review.*
- *The cruise ship GRAND CELEBRATION will be berthed at the north jetty after a berth evaluation for approximately two months as additional housing for people involved in the gas disaster. The Coast Guard is conducting evacuation drills and developing contingency plans in the event a storm should require the ship to reposition outside the harbor for the duration. It will hold approximately 1,100 passengers.*
- *DREDGING: In excess of one million cubic yards of material has been removed to date out of a total of twelve million yards. A ledge area measuring approximately 200 feet by 250 feet will be blasted now to preclude any risk to the new directionally bored cable run extending from South Boston to Winthrop. The actual process involves breaking up the rock mechanically, followed by minimal blasting. The rock segments will be placed off shore to create a manmade reef. Some blasting will be required in the reserve channel in preparation for berth 10 construction. The Coast Guard will coordinate with Peninsula Yacht Club.*

### **MBHSC:**

- *The next MBHSC meeting will be sometime in January. Anyone with safety concerns is welcome to attend.*

**SAFE BOATING/RECREATION:** *P.C. Peter Caten stated the following:*

- *Kidde Fire Extinguisher replacement program is also for commercial owners as well as consumer owners. Kidde has a separate division for this that will be handled the same way as consumer replacements are handled. There is no particular date for this program to end.*

**COMMODORE'S REPORT:** *P.C. Peter Gilson reported the following:*

- *The Mass Bay Harbor Safety Committee (MHBSC) website is annually funded by the Boston Marine Society. Their website: [www.massbaysafety.org](http://www.massbaysafety.org)*
- *The Salem Harbormaster announced that the power station has begun operating and has produced energy during its initial testing.*
- *There was extended discussion regarding WEARING PFD's and training ALL crew members in using the VHF radio. Several recent serious incidents resulted from people*

**NOT WEARING PFD's** and crew having **no clue** as to how to operate the **VHF** radio to summon help. It was generally agreed that all groups should be encouraged to emphasize these items via "**hands on instruction**" to recreational boaters.

- The Harbor Pilots expressed concerns over two incidents (one fatal) in the last year in which pilots fell into the water due to boarding ladder failures.
- Chelsea and the DOT are advocating for daily scheduled closure periods of the Chelsea Street Bridge to allow commuter traffic, etc. to flow. To quote their position, "...the community envisions a Chelsea Creek where shipping traffic is not prioritized over reliable mass transit...". Given the criticality of maritime commerce in Chelsea Creek, along with maritime safety concerns, the MBHC+SC has prepared a letter outlining their concerns for delivery to the DOT. Etc.
- Cape Air has received approval of their environmental submission and is planning to operate in a Cape Air landing zone adjacent to Logan airport. Docking will be in the South Boston area. Remaining is City of Boston revision of an ancient mooring regulation.
- In response to my concerns over several safety incidents this summer, it was generally agreed that the First Responders did an excellent job in responding to the person overboard emergency off of Peddock's Island. Coordination, SAR and Recovery Closely followed their training, etc. We are awaiting official Coast Guard finding reports on other items.  
We will be updating our Charter and Strategic Plan over the next several months.
- Quarterly Security Meeting – At that meeting the port received somewhere over two millions dollars in FEMA security grants.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Clearance Board information: Bridge discrepancies (including clearance gauges) can be emailed to Mr. Chris Bisignano or Jim Rousseau. Normally notification is also given to Mr. Frank Larkin as well. If there is any lighting outages or navigation impediments they should also be reported to the local Sector Waterways. Some bridges are not required to have clearance gauges but most drawbridges do have gauges. If gauges are present they should be maintained in good order by the bridge owner.

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- **NEXT GENERAL MEETING:** November 16<sup>th</sup> (**EARLY DUE TO THANKSGIVING**), 2018

**WATERTOWN YACHT CLUB**

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**SWEARING IN OF 2019 OFFICERS AND BOARD**

- 50/50: \$42.00 was won by Mike Pirolli from Watertown Yacht Club.
- Metropolitan Yacht Club generously donated the bar tip jar to MBYCA's Scholarship fund.
- **MOTION TO ADJOURN:** was made at 9:10 pm. It was seconded and passed.

*Respectfully Submitted by ~*  
*P.C. Carey (Custodian)*  
*Secretary/MBYCA*